

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

How do you stop copying of copyright material, but still allow consumers to copy for personal use? IF a technology was developed to somehow make a distinction between the two, it needs to be made so it benefits consumers rather than content providers (consumers are paying for the content, remember--if it's too restrictive, consumers will hesitate to buy some content)

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? With technology development, consumers and businesses are able to perform tasks and network in ways that increase the usefulness of computers and other electronic devices. Restricting consumers abilities would counter the marketing that touts new technology as easier, more convenient, allowing you to do more (thus creating false advertising.)

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

The ability of older devices to operate correctly is absolutely essential.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

I feel that broadcast flags and other restrictions of its type will definitely inhibit future technology developments, or make consumer hesitate to buy new technology. Will consumers purchase devices that come with serious restrictions (particularly when a device restricts something that actually is allowed -- the more complex technology becomes, the more likely for electronic "blips" and mistakes to happen).

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

cost of these new restrictions would be a big issue---are consumers paying more for technologies that do LESS than earlier devices?